villages in Uttar Pradesh as per 1971 census which were yet to be electrified at the end of September, 1987.

(b) These villages are expected to be electrified by 1994-95 subject to the availability of requisite resources and other inputs.

(c) As per broad assessment, an amount of the order of Rs. 550 crores would be required beyond March, 1988, to electrify these villages.

Setting up of industries in A. P.

130. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any decision to set up industries in Medak, Nalgonda, Khamman and Ranga Reddi districts of Andhra Pradesh during 1987-88; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such industries and the places selected for setting up those industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cement production

131. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that this year the cement production in the country has been less than that in the previous year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the shortfall in the production of cement; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase production of cement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Cement production during the period April, 1987 to September '87 was 18.55 million tonnes as against that of 16.81 million tonnes during the period April '86 to Sept '86 last year.

However, the production of 18.55 million tonnes between April to September '87 is short of the target of 19.73 million tonnes by 1.18 million tonnes mainly due to severe power cuts in the States of Rajasthan, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and irregular power supply in the States of Bihar and Gujarat.

(c) The following steps have been taken to increase the production of Cement in the country:-

New Units commencing production on or after 1.4.86 and those commencing production between 1.1.82 and 31.3.86 are entitled to excise rebate of Rs. 50 per tonne and Rs. 20 per tonne reespectively provided their production in the relevant financial year is not less than 30% of the licensed capacity (as may be certified by the Development Commissioner for Cement Industry). The rebate will be admissible till the 31st March, 1990.

The levy obligation of Cement Industry has been, recently, further reduced as per the details given below:-

(1) New Cement Units commencing production on or after 1-4-86.	—From 30% to 15% of actual production
(2) Cement Units which had commenced production between 1-1-82 and 31-3-86.	—From 30% to 20% of actual production.
(3) Units declared sick and expansions materialising after 1-1-82.	—From 40% to 30% of actual production
(4) All other units viz. those in production prior to 1-1-82.	—From 60% to 50% of actual production.